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Changes in visa management for all Caribbean territories within the Dutch

Nationality	Aruba	Curaçao	Sint Maarten	Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius
Bolivia	F	F	F	F
Colombia	F	F	F	F
Cuba	F	No flexibility	F	F
Rep. Dominicana	F	F	F	F
Guyana	No need of visa	No need of visa	F	No need of visa
Haiti	F	F	F	F
Jamaica	F	No need of visa	F	F
Peru	F	F	F	F

ORANJESTAD – The Foreign Relations Department of Aruba and other countries within the Dutch Kingdom together with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Relations announce that as of April 14 the visa han-

dling of visa for Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius is a little more flexible.

This flexibility consists of 2 parts:

1. Persons with

the following nationality who requires a visa for entering Aruba, but have a valid visa for multiple entrances to the U.S., Canada and the Schengen territories will be excluded.

2. Persons of all

nationality who requires a visa to enter in Aruba but have a multiple entrance visa to the Schengen territories will be excluded. In other words they do not need a visa.

Flexibility:

A few years back Aruba has introduced some flexibility regarding the management of visa to Colombia, to stimulate tourism to come to our island. They are high class persons with a lot of purchasing power.

After its success this same flexibility was introduced to other countries in the Dutch Kingdom and more nationalities were added to it.

The first part (see chart) is an initiative of Aruba which was introduced in the Dutch Kingdom in October of last year. First all the countries of the Dutch Kingdom had to discuss it and now it was finally accepted.

Landlocked Bolivia turns to the Hague to solve its Pacific problem

THE HAGUE (AFP) – Bolivia yesterday pressed its argument that it be given access through neighbouring Chile to the Pacific Ocean, with President Evo Morales himself presenting the submission to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague.

"The Bolivian people hope that the historic wrong that took place will be repaired as soon as possible," Morales said at the Bolivian embassy in the Netherlands afterwards. "We have come here to make an historic demand, for Bolivia to regain sovereign access to the sea."

Bolivia -- South America's poorest country -- became landlocked after losing a four-year war against Chile at the end of the 19th Century, forfeiting territory and its access to the sea.

'Civil War' Warning For Ukraine As Troops, Tanks Push



IZYUM, April 15, 2014 (AFP) - Russia warned on Tuesday that Ukraine was on the brink of "civil war" after Kiev's leaders pushed troops and tanks toward a flashpoint eastern city to counter a separatist surge backed by Moscow.

The 20 tanks and armoured personnel carriers were the most forceful response yet by Kiev's Western-backed government to the pro-Kremlin militants' occupation of state buildings in nearly 10 cities across Ukraine's rust belt.

Ukrainian forces set up a cement road barrier and began checking traffic leading to Slavyansk while fighters and attack helicopters circled overhead.

The economically depressed industrial city of 100,000 that has been under effective control of separatist gunmen since Saturday.

"They must be warned that if they do not lay down their arms, they will be destroyed," Ukrainian Security

Service (SBU) General Vasyl Krutov told a group of reporters tracking the sudden tank movements.

He insisted that the militants were receiving support from several hundred soldiers from the Russian army's Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) that had been dispatched to Slavyansk and surrounding villages.

Witnesses told AFP that at least two Ukrainian military helicopters had landed in the nearby

town of Kramatorsk with reinforcements for the offensive.

One Slavyansk resident told Kiev's private ICTV television that the insurgents had begun reinforcing barricades and set up two machine-guns along one of the main entrance to the city.

Kiev's response to the eastern insurgency prompted Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to warn that "Ukraine is on the brink of civil war -- it's frightening".

TODAY'S WEATHER



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83 °F

Evening
25 °C
78 °F

Wind: E - 25 mph
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Sunrise: 6:30 am
Sunset: 6:52 pm



LOCAL NEWS

PAGA TINO graduates receive their certificate



ORANJESTAD – Last Friday, FADA was proud to announce that 17 professionals successfully passed their exam for the PAGA TINO program and received their trainers' certificates. This is the 3rd group to receive their certificates.

The group consists of 80 professionals. First they received a 4-day intensive training after which they had to do a try-out and show they can carry forward the PAGA TINO program to a group of youngsters.

The graduates are all [professionals working in different areas: DESPA, Probation Service, Department of Social Affairs, 'Fundacion Pa Nos Muchanan,' – foundation that works with children, PAAZ (Men-

tal Health Clinic), University of Aruba, Fundacion pa Maneho di Adiccion di Aruba – F.M.A.A., foundation that works with drug addicts and 'Otres Nuevos' church. They were all trained by local coaches under the guidance of De Hoop/Chris Hulanda.

The PAGA TINO program focuses on the youth. It helps the youth form their character in an interactive way, which enables them make responsible choices in situations they are daily confronted with, like music or media messages, negative influences seen on TV, alcohol and drug abuse, etc. By developing their personal skills these youngsters will become strong persons who learn that by taking the right choices they can resist all kind

of influences.

The prevention program is geared towards schools, youth centers, associations, parents and networks related to them. It is an ample program that offers parents the opportunity to develop healthy kids and help them make healthy choices which will benefit themselves and the Aruban community.

The PAGA TINO courses are given the whole year round. They are 9-hour courses consisting of 6 modules.

For more information and/or reservations pls call F.A.D.A. at tel.: 583-2999 or send an e-mail to j.wernet@fundacionantidroga.org and ask for Jeanira Kock-Wernet.

Congratulations to all the graduates.

Don't miss this fantastic display of practical creativity: AHATA Recycled Art Contest 2014



ORANJESTAD -- The annual AHATA Environmental Committee Recycled Art Contest and Expo opened its doors on Monday afternoon at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad. Almost 250 works that demonstrate the practical side and artistic use to which object that would normally be relegated to the landfill is both delightful and inspiring.

Fifteen schools, 11 amateur artists, nine groups from hotels and various businesses and four professional artists submitted their innovative ideas for reusing wood, broken glass, magazines and newspapers, plastic bags and bottle caps, among other items that would normally go to waste.

Particularly impressive is a sturdy and beautiful wooden lawn set made from dismantled container palettes, and stunning dresses of

woven plastic bags, adorned with colorful magazine pages. The idea of recycled carnival costumes could most definitely start a trend that is beautiful and environmentally friendly! A lot of birds could keep their feathers too! – Two birds with one stone...so to speak.

Organizers Vanessa Rasmussen and Daniel Aguirre are very pleased with the response to the annual call for artwork, and are sure visitors will be equally so. The works will remain on display until Friday, April 25, when the winners of prizes donated by various AHATA members will be announced.

Visiting hours for the expo is from 10:00 AM to noon and from 2:00 until 6:00 PM



Monday through Friday. The exhibit will be closed from the 18th through the 21st for the holiday weekend, beginning with Good Friday.

The slogan of the AHATA Environmental Committee is "reduce, reuse, and recycle," with their annual art competition an excellent lesson that "one man's garbage can be a community treasure!"

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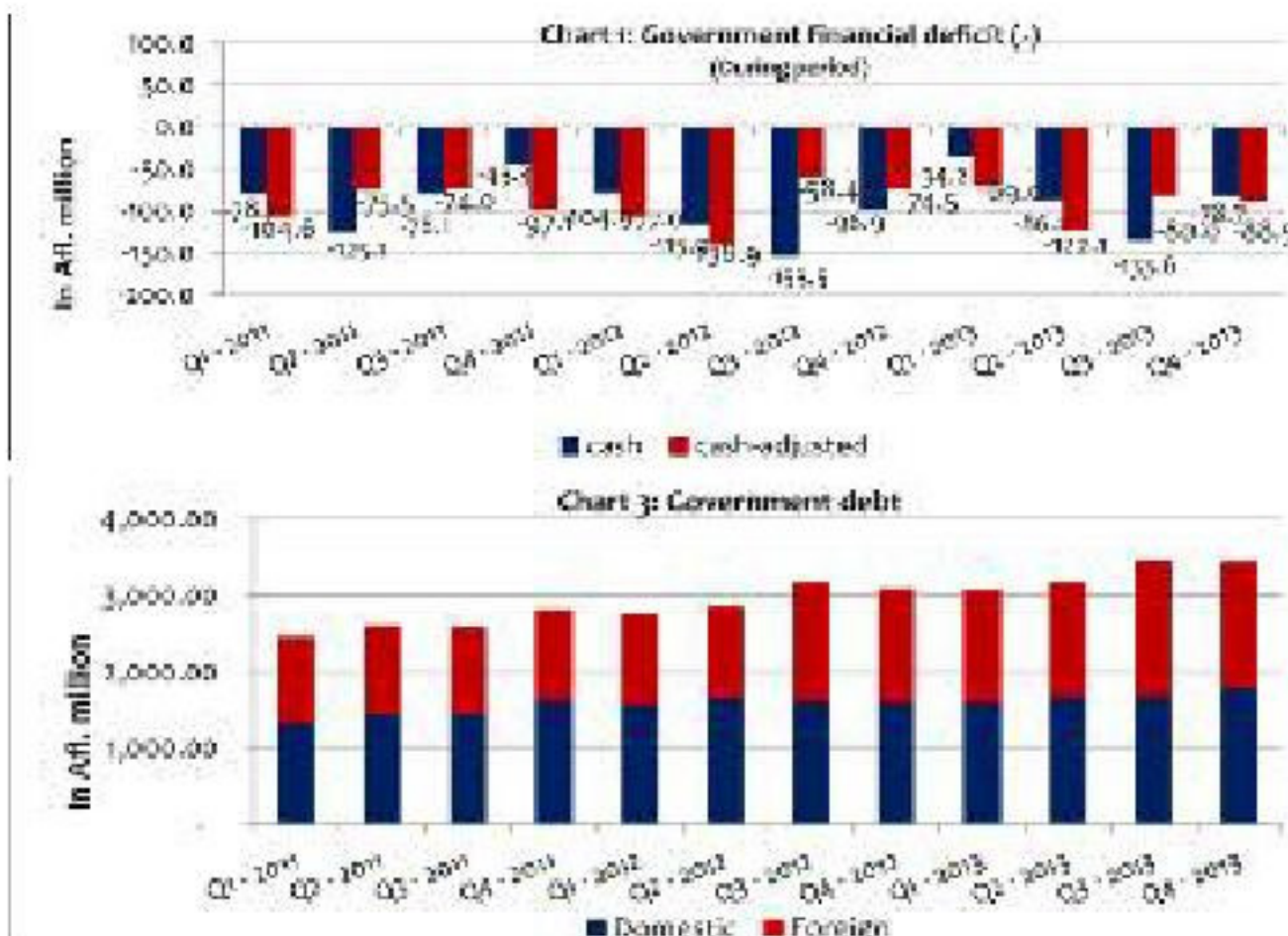


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Government's financial deficit amounted to Afl. 3334.8 million in 2013

ORANJESTAD -- The government's financial deficit on a cash basis decreased by Afl. 110.5 million to Afl. 334.8 million in 2013, when compared to 2012 (Chart 1). The cash-adjusted financial deficit fell to Afl. 346.8 million in 2013, down from an Afl. 420.7 million deficit registered in 2012. At the end of Dec. 2013, the government's outstanding debt amounted to Afl. 3,412.4 million, which is Afl. 338.5 million or 11.0 percent higher than the level recorded at the end of Dec. 2012.

Financial operations. In the fourth quarter of 2013, total government revenue expanded by Afl. 42.0 million (+15.8 percent) to Afl. 308.6 million, compared to the corresponding quarter of 2012. This increase resulted mainly from an Afl. 31.1 million growth in nontax revenue arising from upturns in dividends distributions and grants. Similarly, tax revenue registered a rise of Afl. 10.9 million, stemming from income surges in almost every tax category except for modest declines in taxes on income and profit and taxes on property. Categories registering the most notable growth were service taxes (+Afl. 4.3 million)



and commodities taxes (+Afl. 4.1 million).

During 2013, total government revenue grew by Afl. 119.6 million (+11.8 percent), compared to 2012. This notable increase reflected upturns in both nontax and tax revenue of, respectively, Afl. 93.0 million and Afl. 26.7 million. Total government expenditures increased by Afl. 20.0 million to Afl. 378.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2013, brought about mainly by rises in transfers to AZV (+Afl. 19.6 million), "items not included elsewhere" (+Afl. 16.5m), and employer's contribution (+Afl. 6.5m).

These increases were mainly offset by drops in investments and development fund

spending of, respectively, Afl. 13.0 million and Afl. 5.9 million.

In 2013, total government expenditures recorded a slight drop of Afl. 4.3 million (-0.2 percent), when compared to 2012. The main contributors to this contraction were registered in "items not included elsewhere" and investment, while goods and services, interest costs, and wages, were the main items to offset this fall.

Outstanding debt. At the end of Dec. 2013, the total outstanding government debt climbed to Afl. 3,412.4 million, i.e., Afl. 338.5 million of 11 percent higher than the level recorded at the end of December 2012 (chart 2). Domestic debt went by Afl. 163.6m, due mainly

to an Afl. 139.0 million rise in private loans caused by the issuance of private placement bonds in June (+Afl. 45.0 million), July (+Afl. 58.0 million), and Dec. 2013 (+Afl. 80.5 million). In addition, other short-term non-negotiable loans increased by Afl. 25.4 million. The increase was partly offset by an Afl. 10.3 million drop in the short-term non-negotiable debt, resulting from decreases in the short-term claims on the government by private suppliers. Foreign debt expanded by Afl. 175.0 million, brought about by an Afl. 372.3 million issuance of government bonds on the international capital market in Aug. 2013, which was partly mitigated by debt repayments, Afl. 231.2m.

SIAD announces that the 2014 'Special tax on Rental Cars and Motorcycles' forms are ready

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Taxes – SIAD – informs its clients that the forms for special tax on rental cars and rental motorcycles for the year 2014 are ready. In the upcoming day all permit holders for Car and Motorcycle Rentals will receive a package with the forms, containing 4 declaration forms – 1 for each quarter – and an informative guide.

According to the law, the declarations

must be delivered to each client no later than April 15. But due to the fact that clients did not receive the package on time was the date of payment extended to April 30. Client who do not receive their package but pertain to this new law must go to the Department of Tax to register their business.

For more information regarding this new law pls. visit the website www.siad.aw.

Insel Air with Guyana, Miami flights via Aruba



Curaçao airline Insel Air will be conducting flights between Guyana and Miami via Aruba connecting to many other destinations commencing June 18, 2014, according to a release from Roraima Airways. The release said that there will be an official signing ceremony of the Ground Handling contract.

Possible dangers when using European kitchen equipment on Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Technical Inspection Directorate – DTI – is aware that there is a lot of European kitchen equipment that uses gas, among others, stove and ovens.

The fittings and connections of these equipments are European made while practically all installation and connections used is American made. European fit-



tings and connection are not compatible with the American ones. For example the threading does not match. In most of cases the European equipments are installed to the gas installation with any adaption. This can be very dangerous, for example, it can cause a gas escape which can cause fire or even an explosion.

DITI already has registered a few cases of gas leakage and there was even an explosion which caused a lot of material damage

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Possible dangers when using European kitchen equipment

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Taking into account the danger when installing these equipments, DTI recommends everyone to take the necessary precautions:



1. Read the equipment's "Installation and Operating Manual" carefully.

2. Let a renowned gas fitter install the equipment; this is mandatory for commercial installations.

3. Remember to change the fittings and connections, either on the European equipment or the American installa-

tion to prevent gas leakage.

4. European and American fittings and connections are not compatible. By connecting these two there will surely be a gas escape which can lead to an explosion.

5. A merchant who sells European kitchen equipment must advise clients of the difference in fittings and connections. If possible give the clients the necessary fittings and connection for a safe installation.

6. Before using the equipment make sure to control all fittings and connections for gas escape. This can be done by pouring soap water on the connections, if it bubbles means there is an escape.

DTI hopes that everyone takes good notice of this to avoid any unpleasant accidents.

Easter week is coming with great snacking ideas from Ling & Sons



ORANJESTAD -- The arrival of Easter Week, - "Semana Santa" signals a time for many island families to camp out at various popular shore areas, with all the food preparation and snacking that comes along with it. On Monday evening, the market hosted an Easter Food Show, providing some inspiration to local cooks on dozens of ways to keep hungry camping families satisfied.

From tasty sautéed entrees of beef and

chicken, to tempting Easter cakes, the selection of food samples offered during the festive event covered the gamut from well, soup to nuts, to be accurate. Every department offered a sampling of their specialty, and store management welcomed several agencies, which also



had recipe suggestions for their products.

The day was also dedicated to the youngsters, with not only the Easter Bunny hopping around the store, but a visit from his superstar cousin, Bugs, gave them a thrill.

For grown ups, Pepia Est offered moji-

tos, and Romar Trading had Heineken beer on draft. They perfectly complement the various dishes offered for tasting. Over twenty booths kept shoppers busy and the store was bustling with this very exciting and successful shopping experience.

Radisson commemorates Earth Day

PALM BEACH -- Tuesday, April 22, 2014, is commemorated as Earth Day this year. Earth Day was first recognized in 1970 and has become one of the biggest global movements towards a more sustainable future. Each year, over a billion people in more than 190 countries around the globe demonstrate their support for Earth Day by planting trees, cleaning up their communities, participating in recycling efforts and much more.

On April 22, the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa will demonstrate its support for environmental protection with various activities throughout the day:

- Coming to work: Colleagues will be walking, running, riding their bikes and carpooling to work. The purpose of this effort is to make colleagues reflect on their current regular transportation habits and encourage them to adjust to a more environmentally-friendly transportation routine, while staying fit and healthy.
- Keep Aruba Clean:



Colleagues and guests will clean the beach area near the California Dunes, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. A bus will depart from the Curacao Lobby of the hotel at 7:45 a.m., transporting all volunteers to the site.

- A day of reflection: Guests will be asked to focus on their personal environmental choices on this day. A letter from the General Manager, Marc Frances, together with a tent card will ask guests to turn off non-essential lights, adjust the air conditioner to a warmer setting when leaving the room and so on.

- Special pin: All colleagues and guests will receive a special pin and t-shirt in honor of Earth Day 2014.

- Biba Aruba: The

festivities will continue with an environmentally focused Biba Aruba Night. Earth Day Biba Aruba will feature guest park rangers from Arikok National Park and unique recycled art displays. Food and art will be for sale and proceeds from recycled items will be donated to Parke Arikok.

As proud resident of planet earth, and the island of Aruba, the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is raising consciousness among guests and islanders, placing global environmental concerns front and center and in the limelight on April 22nd.

Pictured here, last year's beach clean-up, part of the 10th annual Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group Responsible Business Action Month, in September.

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Piloting regulations discussed in Parliament



ORANJESTAD – Yesterday, during a public meeting in Parliament, Minister of Transport...



According to Minister Oduber, before our Status Aparte, there were maritime laws

both for the central and interisland governments. Complying with the interisland government Aruba had the Piloting and Pilot Fee regulation (AB 1970, no. 15), in which most of the interisland 1937 Piloting Regulations articles were made.

In 1980 Aruba Ports Authority received exclusive rights on pilot service. Back then all pilots were at the disposal of and later on employed by APA. With the introduction of our Status Aparte in January 1986 all existing laws,

both of the central and interisland governments, were adopted by Aruba, which was published in an annex of the General Transitional Rules and Legislative Governance (AB 1987 no, GT 2),

But back then the government forgot to adopt the rest of the 1937 Piloting Regulation - which was stipulated by the central government - with the consequence that there was nothing regulated saying that Aruba is not responsible for the acts or neglects of pilots.

Another point is that there was no legal obligation for boat captains to use pilots. Aim of this new law is introduce adequate regulations on all relevant issues.

Some important rules are:

- The liability disclaimer of Country Aruba /APA was amended. This law avoids that Aruba can be made responsible for any damage to ships due to errors made by pilots. The pilots also are not responsible unless it can be proved that they erred on purpose

- All ships must use a pilot.

- The pilots must follow a course to know all pilotage regulations.

- The Maritime Directorate must supervise the work of the pilots.

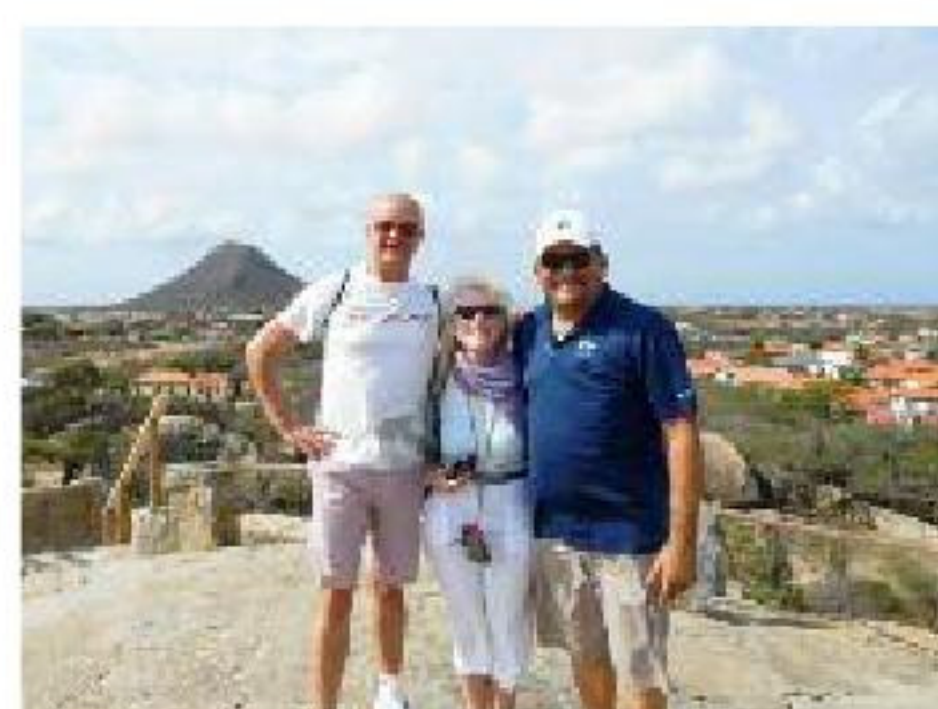
Minister Oduber hopes that with this ordinance Aruba can have an adequate Pilotage Regulation.

Italian Journalist amazed with the Aruba experience



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority hosted a journalist couple from Italy, to cover a complete story about the Island's tourism industry, lifestyle, culture, tradition's and history.

The journalist were Mr. Franco Bortollotti from Florencia and Mrs. Stefania Lancelotto from



Milano. They are freelancers working for several magazines like Dentro Milano, a magazine that covers tourism, culture and lifestyle from different countries with an average of 150.000 copies per month; Il Mirino, a magazine that covers Health and wellbeing, tourism, news from the world, estimated 130.000 copies per month; YOU, a monthly female magazine with 80.000 copies per month and Viaggi & Tentazioni also a health and tourism web magazine with an average of 20.000 unique readers per day mostly females.

Mr. Bortollotti and Mrs. Lancelotto had a wonderful experience of the island and were amazed with everything the Island has to offer to its visitors. They visited most of the island's tourist attractions, shopping areas, museums, cultural shows and a variety of restaurants where they had a wonderful culinary experience of the Island.

The journalists were accompanied by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism authority and were very pleased with the One Happy Island experience.

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Spain judge defies pressure to scrap Guantanamo case

MADRID (AFP) - A Spanish judge on Tuesday defied pressure to scrap a probe into alleged torture in the US prison camp in Guantanamo Bay which targets former US president George W. Bush.

Judge Pablo Ruz at the National Court, in a written decision, refused to scrap the case despite a recent reform to restrict such human rights probes in Spain.

He also vowed to press on with two other investigations into alleged genocide in the former Spanish colony of Western Sahara from the 1970s.

Ruz opened the investigations under universal jurisdiction -- a principle that allows judges to try certain atrocities committed in other countries.

Spain's parliament, dominated by the conservative ruling Popular Party, last month passed a government reform to restrict courts' powers to apply universal jurisdiction.

That reform came after a lawsuit alleging atrocities by Chinese leaders in Tibet, which annoyed China, a major trading partner of Spain.

Rights groups have criticised the reform, saying it puts economic and diplomatic interests before human rights.

The Spanish courts agreed in 2009 to probe charges brought by four ex-Guantanamo detainees who say they were tortured during their detention in the camp between 2002 and 2005.

Among those cited in the charges are Bush, US former vice president Dick Cheney and ex-defence secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The new law says courts in Spain can only probe atrocities committed abroad

if the suspects are Spanish.

But Ruz said in Tuesday's judgement that Spain had an "obligation" under international treaties to investigate alleged atrocities even if the suspects were not Spanish.

In one of the two other cases, plaintiffs accuse Moroccan authorities of genocide in Western Sahara, a disputed region annexed by Morocco in the late 1970s.

The third case alleges genocide in Western Sahara by the Polisario Front, a pro-independence force in the region.

Ruz said he could investigate those allegations on the grounds that Western Sahara was a Spanish territory at the time.

Morocco's annexation of Western Sahara was never recognised internationally.

Murder charges filed in shootings at Kansas Jewish sites

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Prosecutors filed a death penalty murder charge Tuesday against a white supremacist accused of fatally shooting three people at Jewish sites over the weekend, judicial sources said.

Frazier Glenn Cross, 73, was charged with one count of capital murder for the deaths of a 69-year-old physician and his teenaged grandson outside the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City.

He also faces one count of first-degree murder for the death of a 53-year-old woman at the nearby Village Shalom retirement community where she was paying a weekly visit to her mother.

Cross appeared in court on Tuesday, a spokeswoman for Johnson County District Attorney Stephen Howe told AFP by telephone.

Sunday's bloodshed -- on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Passover -- occurred in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park. All three

victims were Christian.

Local police, FBI agents and federal prosecutors said Monday they intended to pursue Cross for hate crimes, which under federal law calls for tougher sentencing.

Cross shouted "Heil Hitler" from the back of a police car when he was taken into custody Sunday.

The Southern Poverty Law Center and Anti-Defamation League described Cross as a North Carolina native and former US army Green Beret commando who, in the 1980s, founded and led the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Patriot Party.

The center, which monitors hate groups, said Cross, a Vietnam war veteran, is well-known for espousing anti-Semitic and white supremacist views.

He spent three years in federal prison after being indicted on weapons charges and for plotting robberies and the murder of the law center's co-founder Morris

India top court recognises transgenders as 'third gender'

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's highest court ruled Tuesday that a person can be legally recognised as gender-neutral, a landmark judgement that raises hopes of an end to discrimination against several million transgenders and eunuchs. The Supreme Court also said transgenders should be included in government welfare schemes offered to other minority groups



in a bid to pull them out of the impoverished margins of Indian society. "Transgenders are citizens of this country and are entitled to education and all other rights," Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan told the court while handing down the ruling. The case was filed in 2012 by a group of petitioners including prominent eunuch and activist Laxmi Narayan Tripathi seeking recognition for the transgender population and equal rights under the law. Transgenders and eunuchs or hijras -- a term for cross-dressers and men who have been castrated -- often live on the extreme fringes of India's culturally conservative society. Transgenders are often seen as inauspicious and even cursed in traditional Hindu culture. Many resort to prostitution, begging or menial jobs that leave them mired in poverty. The ruling, hailed as landmark by activists, comes just months after the same court reinstated a ban on gay sex and sparked accusations it was dragging the country back to the 19th century. Gay sex had been effectively legalised in 2009 when the Delhi High Court ruled that a section of the penal code prohibiting "carnal intercourse against the order of nature" was an infringement of fundamental rights.

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US, allies in 'additional' steps for sanctions Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is coordinating "additional steps" with its European allies to slap more sanctions on Russia over the crisis in Ukraine, a US official said Tuesday.

Secretary of State John Kerry spoke by phone with his French, German and British counterparts, as well as EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton.

But new sanctions are unlikely to be unveiled before crunch talks slated for Thursday in Geneva, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters.

These could include targeting more individuals and perhaps upping the ante to bar access to some key sectors, such as mining, energy and financial services.

Top diplomats from Russia and Ukraine are due to sit down for the first time with their counterparts from the United States and the EU to try to resolve the crisis that has seen Moscow

mass tens of thousands of troops along Ukraine's eastern border.

The White House said that Ukraine faces an "untenable" situation over separatist uprisings in the east and described its military operation against bands of pro-Russia militants as "measured."

White House spokesman Jay Carney preached restraint and "all due caution," but said the Ukrainian government had a "responsibility" to safeguard law and order.

Ukraine's leaders sent tanks and troops toward the flashpoint city of Slavyansk in response to the seizure of government buildings by pro-Russian gunmen.

During the months-long crisis that has deepened since Moscow annexed Ukraine's southern Crimea peninsula, the EU and US have already blacklisted many Russian officials as well as Crimea's separatist leaders in a bid to force

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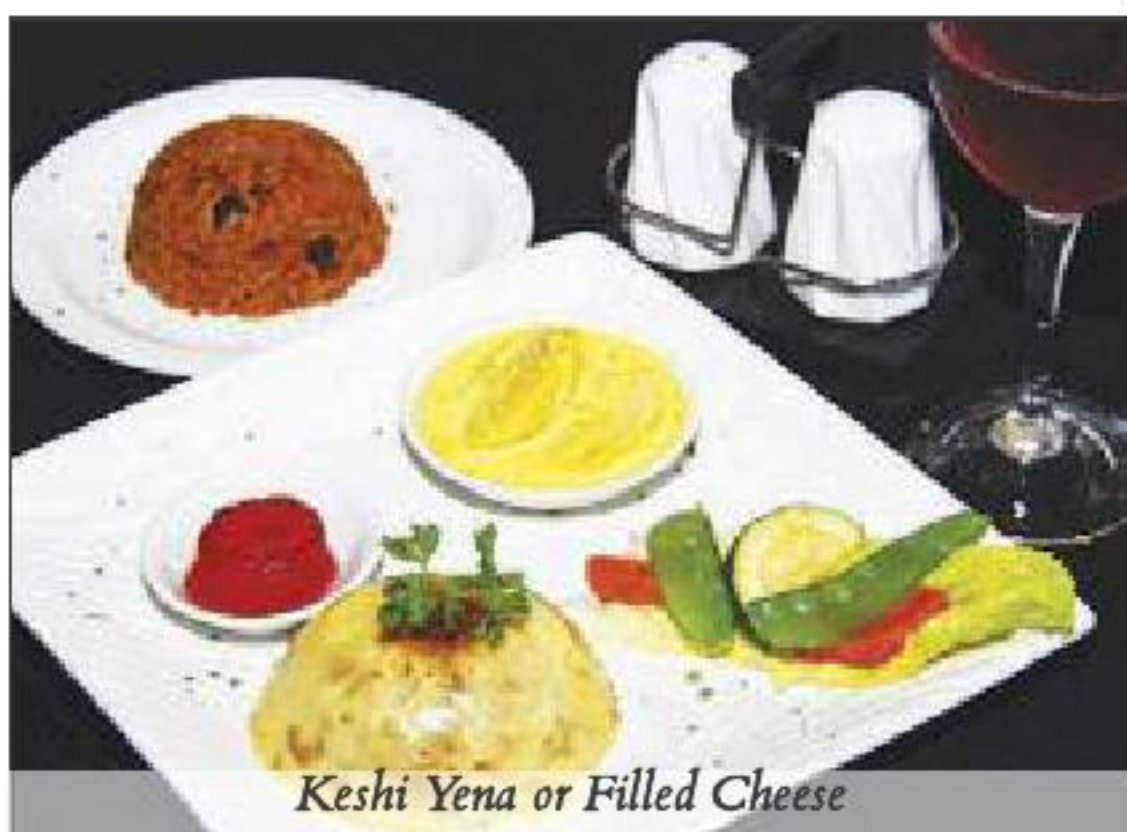


Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at THE QUEENS

Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Lusie's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations.

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house,



Keshi Yena or Filled Cheese

a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and

creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, of-

Mini-sub to dive again after aborting first MH370 search

PERTH (AFP) - A mini-sub hunting missing Flight MH370 was set to sweep the Indian Ocean seabed again Tuesday after cutting short its first mission, as Malaysia vowed to reveal any 'black box' data found.

The unmanned submarine equipped with sonar gear was deployed Monday night from the Australian ship Ocean Shield, which has spearheaded the hunt for the Boeing 777 that vanished on March 8 with 239 people aboard.

But the dive by the Bluefin-21 detected nothing of interest before it automatically aborted the mission after breaching its maximum operating depth, the US Navy said in a statement.

The Australian agency coordinating the search said the Bluefin-21 "exceeded its

operating depth limit of 4,500 metres (15,000 feet) and its built-in safety feature returned it to the surface".

The unmanned Autonomous Underwater Vehicle was undamaged and set for a second sonar sweep during the day, weather permitting, officials said.

US Navy Captain Mark Matthews said the vehicle had exceeded programmed operational limits and automatically resurfaced.

"In this case the vehicle's programmed to fly 30 metres over the floor of the ocean to get a good mapping of what's beneath," he told CNN from Perth.

"It went to 4,500 metres and once it hit that max depth, it said 'This is deeper than I'm programmed to be', so it aborted the mission."



HEALTH & LIVING

Low blood sugar bad for marital bliss: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Low blood sugar isn't good for marital bliss because it makes spouses more prone to anger and aggression, says a new study out Monday.

The findings are based on experiments with 107 married couples asked to monitor their glucose levels before breakfast and bed every day for 21 days.

In addition, researchers gave them voodoo dolls representing their significant other along with 51 pins. They were then told that, at the end each day over the three-week period, they should secretly stick pins into the dolls indicating how angry they were with their better half.

Turns out that the lower the spouse's blood sugar levels, the more pins he or she stuck into the dolls.

"When they had lower blood glucose, they felt angrier and took it out on the dolls representing their spouse," said lead study author Brad Bush-

man of Ohio State University.

"Even those who reported they had good relationships with their spouses were more likely to express anger if their blood glucose levels were lower."

Following that experiment, the couples were brought into a lab where -- split up in separate rooms -- they were told they would play a computer game against their spouse.

Each time they won, they were told, they would get to decide how loud of a noise would be blasted in the headphones of their significant other -- and for how long.

That actually didn't end up happening, and they weren't really playing against their spouse but against a computer that let them win about 50 percent of the time.

Still, the results showed that people with lower average levels of evening blood sugar "sent" louder and longer noise to their spouse.

What's more, further analysis determined that those who pricked their voodoo dolls with more pins were more likely to deliver louder and longer blasts of noise.

"We found a clear link between aggressive impulses as seen with the dolls and actual aggressive behavior," Bushman said.

He added that glucose serves as fuel for the brain, an organ which consumes about 20 percent of our calories though it only makes up two percent of our body weight.

Self-control needed to handle anger and aggressive impulses requires energy that is partly provided by glucose, he noted.

"It's simple advice but it works: Before you have a difficult conversation with your spouse, make sure you're not hungry."

The findings appear in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Japan culls 112,000 chickens after bird flu outbreak

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan has finished slaughtering 112,000 chickens after confirming its first bird flu infections for three years, with authorities stepping up efforts to swiftly contain the latest outbreak, officials said.

Workers on Sunday started culling 56,000 chickens kept at a poultry farm in Kumamoto, southwestern Japan, where DNA tests confirmed the H5 strain of the virus after owners reported sudden deaths in the flock on Saturday, a Kumamoto prefectural government official

said.

Another 56,000 birds were slaughtered at a separate farm run by the same owner after it was identified as a location of possible infections, the official said.

It was the first confirmed outbreak of bird flu in Japan in three years. Scientists say there have been no cases of the disease being contracted by people who have eaten poultry or eggs.

The ministry has been warning farmers about infection risks, citing the continued spread of the disease in Asia, including in

neighbouring South Korea.

Local authorities on Saturday banned movement of chickens from the two affected farms as well as other farms in their vicinities.

Authorities were sanitising areas around the two farms and testing birds at other area farms.

Officials were also setting up areas to disinfect vehicles traveling on major roads around the affected farms to prevent the virus from spreading further.

Antidepressant use in pregnancy linked to autism risk in boys: Study



NEW YORK - Boys with autism were three times more likely to have been exposed to antidepressants known as SSRIs in the womb than typically developing children, according to new research. The new study also found that boys whose mothers took SSRIs -- drugs including Celexa, Lexapro, Paxil, Prozac and Zoloft -- during pregnancy were also more likely to have developmental delays. Results of the study were published online April 14 and in the May print issue of Pediatrics. While the study found an association between prenatal use of SSRI antidepressants and autism risk in boys, it did not prove cause-and-effect.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Jackson's mom to pay promoter \$800,000



LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - Michael Jackson's 83-year-old mother Katherine has agreed to pay over \$800,000 to tour promoters AEG Live for costs incurred to defend a failed lawsuit she brought, lawyers said Monday.

Attorneys for AEG Live, which organized the pop icon's doomed 2009 comeback tour, had sought more than \$1.2 million for expenses after winning a five-month trial but haggled out a lesser amount with Jackson's legal team.

The deal has still to be approved by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Yvette Palazuelos, who oversaw the civil trial last year.

AEG Live attorney Marvin Putnam said the promoter should be reimbursed for all the costs to which it was entitled under law, and about half of those the judge has the discretion to approve or deny.

The Jackson matriarch sued AEG Live in 2010 claiming they negligently hired and supervised Conrad Murray, the doctor subsequently convicted of invol-

untary manslaughter over the "Thriller" singer's death on June 25, 2009.

Jackson died from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol, given by Murray at the star's rented mansion in Los Angeles, where he was rehearsing for the "This is It" shows at London's O2 Arena.

In the civil trial, Jackson alleged that AEG Live missed a series of red flags about the star's failing health in the run-up to his death.

The Jacksons wanted AEG Live to pay \$85 million to each of the star's three children for emotional loss, and an unspecified amount for economic losses, estimated at up to \$1.6 billion.

But AEG's lawyers called the figures ridiculous, and last October a jury found that, although AEG Live hired Murray, he was not unfit or incompetent for the job he was hired to do, a key requirement for the Jackson lawsuit to have succeeded.

Lady Gaga, Psy to perform at S. Korea festival

SEOUL (AFP) - US pop diva Lady Gaga is slated to perform at a summer music festival in South Korea, where her first show two years ago received an adult-only rating from state censors.

The festival, to be held at Seoul's Olympic stadium on August 15-16, will feature a host of K-pop stars including "Gangnam Style" rapper Psy, the YG entertainment agency said.

Lady Gaga will appear on the second day of the festival, to be co-hosted by YG and a local music production agency.

When the 28-year-old singer last performed in Seoul in April 2012, religious groups called for the concert to be cancelled on the grounds that she advocated homosexuality and pornography.

The show went ahead -- but only after a state ratings board judged it unsuitable for younger audiences,



prompting a ban on under-18 fans.

It was not immediately clear if her show at this year's festival would be subject to similar restrictions.

"It's too early to say because we have yet to see the contents and details of her concert here," a spokeswoman for the state rating board told AFP.

"All we can say now is that our board could make a similar decision as in 2012, if her upcoming concert is seen as unsuitable for young, teenaged audiences," she added.

In typically eccentric style, Lady Gaga raised eyebrows last month during a gig at the South by Southwest festival in Texas when she had a "vomit artist" regurgitate coloured soy milk onto her cleavage.

Other headliners at the Seoul festival include top K-pop boy band BigBang and girl group 2NE1.

Reflecting the increasing global popularity of K-pop, South Korean girl band Crayon Pop will open a series of Lady Gaga concerts in Canada and the United States in June and July.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Oil drilling possible 'trigger' for deadly Italy quakes



ROME (AFP) - Italy's Emilia-Romagna region on Tuesday suspended new drilling as it published a report that warned that hydrocarbon exploitation may have acted as a "trigger" in twin earthquakes that killed 26 people in 2012.

The scientific report was commissioned after the quakes amid popular anger over alleged links to drilling activities, particularly an oil field, a gas storage facility and a geothermal energy plant in the area.

The report said that activity at the Mirandola oil fields "may have contributed to trigger the Emilia seismic activity" although it did not "induce" it.

It found that the last previous tremor in the

region and the first quake on May 20 were "statistically correlated with an increase of extraction and injection activity" at one of the Mirandola fields.

Extraction and injection "may have contributed, adding a minute additional load, to the activation of a pre-stressed fault system already close to the conditions required to produce a significant earthquake," it said.

The report was authored by an international committee of scientists led by Peter Styles, a professor of applied geophysics at Keele University in Britain.

It recommended further studies, a system of evaluation for any new hydrocarbon

or geothermal exploration activities and more monitoring for existing ones.

It also said that an "operational traffic light system" should be created to warn any drilling facilities about rising stress levels in the faults.

Based on the report, local authorities in Emilia-Romagna said they were extending a ban on drilling activities in the earthquake area to the entire region.

Small tremors in Britain, Canada and the United States have been linked to the practice of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" for hydrocarbon extraction, although none has proved fatal.

Total lunar eclipse



MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - The moon is seen in the time around a total lunar eclipse on April 15, 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay. People in most of North and South America were able to witness this year's first total lunar eclipse, which caused a 'blood moon' and was the first of four in a rare Tetrad of eclipses over the next two years.



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The picture combo shows the moon before (L), during (C) and after (R) total eclipse over southern California as seen from Korea town (west of downtown) Los Angeles early on April 15, 2014. A total lunar eclipse, the first since December 2011, took place Tuesday with the Americas best placed getting a glimpse. It's the the first of four consecutive phenomena of this kind this year and next, a series astronomers call a tetrad. The last time a tetrad took place was in 2003-2004, with the next predicted for 2032-2033. In total, the 21st century will see eight tetrads. The year's second total lunar eclipse will take place on October 8, with the tetrad's remaining two expected on April 4 and September 28 of next year. In some religious circles, this tetrad has particular significance since it coincides with important Jewish holidays -- Passover this year and next and the Feast of Tabernacles in October 2014 and September 2015.



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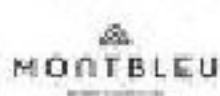
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ECONOMY

European parliament adopts financial markets rules

STRASBOURG (AFP) - The European Parliament adopted new rules Tuesday to tighten the regulation of financial markets in order to stop rampant speculation, including on foodstuffs.

The European Union's Financial Markets Commissioner Michel Barnier first pushed for the new rules, known as MiFID II, in 2011 at the height of the eurozone debt crisis and in the wake of the global economic meltdown.

The regulations, still to be formally approved by member states, aim to curb speculative trading in commodities and to

regulate high-frequency trading to protect investors and make the markets less crisis-prone.

The new regulations will better serve the real economy, Barnier said in a statement.

"They will establish a safer, more transparent and more responsible financial system and restore investor confidence in the wake of the financial crisis," he added.

The new rules apply to investment firms, market operators and services providing post-trade transparency information in the European Union.

They will notably

force market players to buy and sell financial instruments on regulated markets comparable to stock exchanges to ensure that all trading is tracked by MiFID.

Another key provision covers high-frequency trading based on automatic algorithmic systems, forcing investment firms to stop trading if price volatility becomes too high.

To help limit speculation in food and energy, authorities for the first time will be able to limit the size of a net position that a person can hold in commodity derivatives.

Yahoo sees signs of growth in 'core'

NEW YORK (AFP) - Yahoo reported a stronger-than-expected first-quarter profit Tuesday, results hailed by chief executive Marissa Mayer as showing growth in the Web giant's "core" business.

The California Internet company said it earned \$312 million on revenues of \$1.1 billion, topping most analyst forecasts.

Profits were down 20 percent from a year ago with revenues nearly flat for Yahoo, which has been making major shifts under Mayer, a former Google executive.

"If you look at our core businesses which we define as search and display you see an important shift," Mayer said in an earnings call.

"Our search revenue grew nine percent year over year, marking our

ninth consecutive quarter of growth."

Mayer said Yahoo's mobile service was attracting more than 430 million monthly users.

"More than half of Yahoo's total monthly audience joins us on a mobile device," she said.

Yahoo shares vaulted higher by some 6.7 percent in after-hours trade following the release to \$36.50.

Victor Anthony at Topeka Capital Markets said in a research note that Yahoo's revenue was slightly better than expected and that he was "cautiously optimistic on the core" outlook.

Under Mayer, Yahoo has been revamping many of its offerings while emphasizing mobile services and using cash for a series of acquisitions.

Yahoo is also mov-

ing more into video, with plans for its original television programs in the works.

Mayer said the company is making headway in boosting mobile, both in terms of search and in apps, which have leading positions on mobile platforms such as Apple's iOS and Google Android.

Yahoo is also a key shareholder in Chinese Web giant Alibaba, which is in the process of launching an initial public offering in the United States.

After an IPO, Yahoo, one of the early investors in Alibaba, has the right to sell its remaining shares.

The IPO is expected to be the largest in the tech space since Facebook's in 2012, with Alibaba's value estimated at some \$150 billion.

Brazil economy to grow 3% in 2015

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - Brazil's economy is forecast to expand by three percent next year, picking up briskly after years of stagnant growth, a top government economist said yesterday.

Miriam Belchior, Brazil's minister of planning, said in a report presented to the national legislature that

inflation for Latin America's biggest economy was expected to be five percent next year.

Recent growth has been slow in Brazil, in part because of the economic drain of playing host to the World Cup, as well as weak infrastructure and low private investment reflecting a lack of con-

fidence in industry.

In 2013, Brazil's gross domestic product grew a modest 2.3 percent for a third consecutive year, compared to a torrid pace of 7.5 percent in 2010.

The International Monetary Fund last week predicted a 2.7 percent rate of growth in 2015 for Brazil.

BRAZIL, Brasilia : Petrobras Chief Executive Graca Foster, speaks during a hearing at the Senate in Brasilia on April 15, 2014 involving an investigation of an alleged \$4.5 billion money-laundering operation, the latest in a series of problems to plague the state oil giant. A growing scandal surrounding its controversial purchase of a Texas refinery, which came at a ballooned price of \$1.1 billion, has bedeviled not only the Brazilian government but also President Dilma Rousseff, who is up for re-election later this year. AFP PHOTO



FRANCE, Sable-sur-Sarthe : Roasted chicken legs are removed from an oven in the factory of French brand "Marie", a subsidiary of French agro-food company LDC, on April 15, 2014, in Sable-Sur-Sarthe, western



France. 9 000 tons in ready-made meals among which 75 % in the mark Marie, the rest in the mark Weight-Watcher go out every year of the factory of Sable-Sur-Sarthe which employs 170 workers. 100% of ready-made meals are cooked with animals born and bred in France. AFP PHOTO

GERMANY, Reutlingen : An employee of German car supplier Bosch holds boards with radar sensors for cars in a sensor production site of Bosch in Reutlingen, southwestern Germany, on April 15, 2014. Bosch produces here different sensors for cars and mobilphones. AFP PHOTO



CHINA, Shanghai : Visitors walk past a Bombardier Global 6000 luxury business jet during the Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition (ABACE2014) at the Shanghai Hongqiao airport on April 15, 2014. Private plane ownership in China is still miniscule compared to countries like the US. State media reported only 150 such aircraft registered in 2011, despite an estimated one million millionaires as a result of the nation's economic boom.

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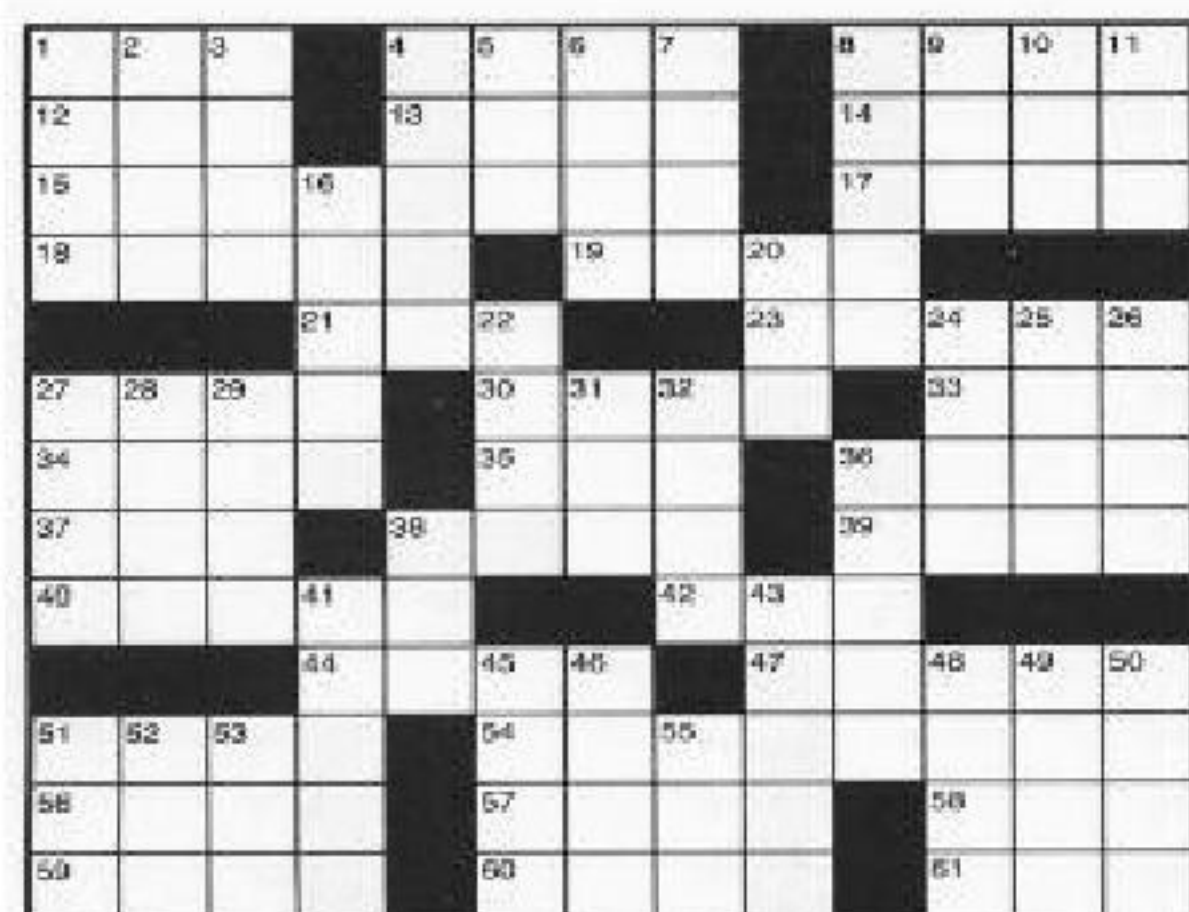
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ACROSS

1. Truman's monogram

4. Junkyard's relative

8. Approve

12. ___ glance (2 wds.)

13. Psychic's phrase (2 wds.)

14. Not naughty, to Santa

15. In 4/4 time it gets 2 beats (2 wds.)

17. Enjoys appetizers

18. Sprain site

19. Napoleon's exile island

21. Noah's vessel

23. "Sing ___ with

Mitch"

27. Bank machines (abbr.)

30. Impress clearly

33. Through

34. Niche

35. ___ de cologne

36. Vitamin capsule

37. League for the Giants (abbr.)

38. Floating arctic mass

39. Bad day for Caesar

40. ___-visual

42. Son of Jacob

44. Outing

47. Rest stop sights

51. Nobelist Al

54. Fancy undershirt

56. Prudish

57. Director Kazan

58. Compass reading

59. Tentacles

60. Robert ___ Leonard

61. Actor Jaffe

DOWN

1. Laugh sounds (2 wds.)

2. Ollie's pal

3. Conversation

4. Greasy spoon

5. GI's social club

6. Portion (out)

7. Citrus rind

8. Actress Tatum

9. Korean auto company

10. "___ your age!"

11. "Surely!"

16. Lab container

20. Scrooge's cry

22. ___ over (faint)

24. Roman writer

25. African river

26. Females

27. Visitor to Siam

28. Soybean product

29. Gelatin shaper

31. Truth, in China

32. Gave the signal

36. Is homesick

38. Supporting

41. Elements

43. Chinese, e.g.

45. Chills

46. Lacking color

48. Model Kate

49. Role in "Casablanca"

50. Give the impression

51. Student's concern (abbr.)

52. Bobby of hockey

53. Hoop lip

55. Soccer's Hamm



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Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most spectacular dinner.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$24.95; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

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Fish on a Stone

supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail;

a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accom-

modated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer a full breakfast for \$9.99, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café located at Playa Linda Beach Resort in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting.

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So whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found easily from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization

of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area, also restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and

facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com

for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



SPORTS

Baseball: Japan league hit by second bouncy ball blunder

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's professional baseball league was facing another bouncy ball scandal Tuesday as sports equipment giant Mizuno apologised for a defect that turned the nation's top sport into a slugfest.

The firm blamed a manufacturing defect, after league officials said they detected a problem with game balls following the season

opener last month.

"This happened because of Mizuno's failure to control our operations," company president Akito Mizuno told a press conference in Tokyo on Tuesday.

Last year, Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) commissioner Ryozi Kato was forced to quit after it was discovered that the league and Mizuno conspired to

tweak the balls to make the game more exciting.

After months of repeated denials and a huge surge in home runs, the league admitted that it had changed specifications of the balls to give them greater bounce off the bat.

The league also admitted that it had demanded its manufacturer keep quiet about the switch.

Football: Sao Paulo stadium handed to owners, unfinished



SAO PAULO (AFP) - The construction firm behind the new World Cup stadium at Sao Paulo, due to stage the opening match on June 12, Tuesday handed over the site to owners Corinthians, although work has yet to be completed ahead of a planned mid-May handover to FIFA.

In a symbolic handover to first division outfit Corinthians, Antonio Gavioli, contracts' director with constructor Odebrecht, handed a commemorative

plaque to club chairman Mario Gobbi and former chairman Andres Sanchez, now overseeing the site.

The stadium, which will host Brazil's curtain-raiser against Croatia on June 12, has been beset by delays, following two fatal accidents during construction which killed three site workers

Corinthians are due to hand over the stadium to FIFA on May 20, less than a month before kick-off, but Gobbi

lauded Tuesday's handover.

"We feel great emotion. In this symbolic act, Corinthians have received their own home from Odebrecht and Corinthians is going to pay for this construction," Gobbi noted.

He conceded "a few weeks work" are still required for finalizing the facility with temporary stands still to be finished off.

FIFA had originally demanded that all 12 World Cup venues be ready by December 31.

But an accident which saw a crane fall across the stands last November, killing two workers, and then another fatality in March caused major delay with work on the areas affected brought to a temporary standstill pending tightened worker security.

In total, seven stadium workers have been killed during Brazil's Cup preparations -- three more at Manaus and one in the capital Brasilia.

The Corinthians Arena now has to pass fire safety tests before a first official test game can be held at the venue on May 17, a league match between Corinthians and Figueirense. Three smaller-scale events are planned beforehand later this month.

Sanchez has indicated that the stadium will end up costing between 920 and 950 million reais (\$411-424 million), or some 14 to 18 percent more than initial estimates.

Aside from Sao Paulo, three other stadiums -- Porto Alegre, Cuiaba and Curitiba -- also still have to be finalized.



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Boston remembers marathon victims one year on



BOSTON (AFP) - Boston area police and fire department flag bearers cross the finish line following the flag raising ceremony commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings on Boylston Street near the finish line on April 15, 2014 in Boston, Massachusetts. Last year, two pressure cooker bombs killed three and injured an estimated 264 others during the Boston marathon, on April 15, 2013. Boston paid solemn tribute Tuesday to the victims and survivors of the marathon bombings, observing a moment of silence and raising the US flag exactly one year after the attacks that stunned the nation. Vice President Joe Biden led an emotional and highly-charged tribute at the Hynes Convention Center, just steps from the scene of the attack that left three dead and more than 260 others wounded.



Tennis: Djokovic thumps Montanes in Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO (AFP) - Novak Djokovic stormed into the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters as the defending champion won his 11th straight match of the season 6-1, 6-0 over Albert Montanes on Tuesday.

The second seed is bidding for a trophy at his fifth straight Masters 1000 after ending last season as winner at Shanghai and Paris before sweeping Indian Wells and Miami last month. He won the last 11 games in a row, finishing in 45 minutes and improving to 17-2 on the season. The Serb ranked second in the world behind top seed and eight-time Monte Carlo champion Rafael Nadal ran his record over Spain's Montanes to a comfortable 6-0

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NBA: Cavs' Deng wins NBA citizenship award



NEW YORK (AFP) - British Cleveland Cavaliers' basketball player Luol Deng was honored Tuesday with the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award. The award, presented by the Professional Basketball Writers Association, recognizes an NBA player or coach for outstanding service and dedication to the community. Deng recently recorded a public service message for the EnoughProject.org, urging peace during a time of renewed conflict in his native South Sudan. In the video, he tells young people to make peace among those fighting, encourage others to forgive and build trust with people who fear each other. The two-time All-Star created the Luol Deng Foundation, a global non-profit organization that uses basketball as a platform to give hope to the disadvantaged in Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. The work in Africa focuses on building outdoor basketball courts and delivering initiatives to bring together local communities. Deng was taken seventh overall by Phoenix in the 2004 NBA Draft and spent nine seasons with the Chicago Bulls, who traded him to Cleveland in January.

NBA: Heat loss allows Pacers to grab top

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Trevor Ariza scored a game-high 25 points on 10-of-13 shooting as the Washington Wizards cruised past the defending champion Miami Heat 114-93 at Verizon Center on Monday.

Miami suffered its fourth loss in the last five contests which means they surrendered the Eastern Conference's top seed to the Indiana Pacers.

The Heat, who rested both reigning NBA MVP LeBron James and centre Chris Bosh in their second to last game of the regular season, will be the number two seed when the postseason starts this weekend.

The Heat allowed the Wizards to shoot an impressive 59 percent from the field and go 14-of-29 from three-point range. Ariza drained five-of-eight three-point attempts and Al Harrington nailed four-of-six from beyond the arc in a 16-point performance off the bench.

Nene and Bradley Beal tallied 18 and 15 points, respectively, to Washington's third straight victory. Marcin Gortat posted a double-double of 10 points and 13 boards.

Michael Beasley paced the shorthanded Heat with 18 points and Toney Douglas scored 14 in the loss. Dwyane Wade, playing for the second time since returning from a nine-game absence caused by an injured hamstring, had just nine points in 18-plus minutes of playing time.

The Wizards cruised into halftime with comfortable 70-48 lead as they shot a blistering 70.3 percent in the first half.

Washington carried that over into the third quarter, going ahead by as much as 36 points and taking a commanding 98-65 lead into the fourth.

Miami outscored Washington 28-16 in the final frame to make the final score more respectable.

Football: Guardiola sounds alarm as Real loom

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola has sounded the alarm bells ahead of next week's Champions League semi-final at Real Madrid after back-to-back defeats in the Bundesliga.

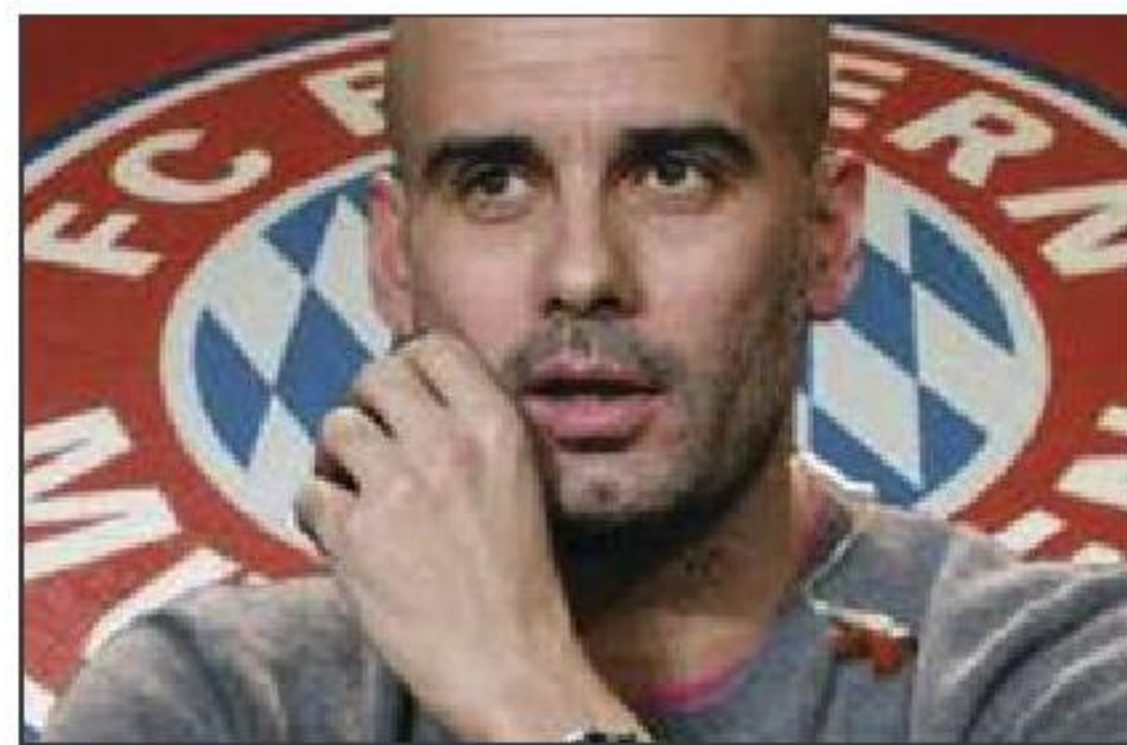
"If we play like we have done in the last three league games, we won't be reaching any finals," said Guardiola as Bayern bid to reach their fourth Champions League final in five years.

The 43-year-old is encountering his first difficult period at Bayern and was more animated and self-critical than usual in Tuesday's press conference, 24 hours before Bayern's German Cup semi-final at home to second-division Kaiserslautern.

Since winning the Bundesliga title three weeks ago with a record seven matches to spare, Bayern have won one of their last five games, including back-to-back league defeats at Augsburg and Borussia Dortmund, who romped to a 3-0 win in Munich on Saturday.

Bayern are bidding to repeat last season's treble of Champions League, German Cup and Bundesliga titles, but Guardiola admits he is bemused by the sudden drop in form.

"It's the same training, the



same system, the same players," he said.

Giant-killers Kaiserslautern have already knocked top-flight sides Bayer Leverkusen and Hertha Berlin out of the German Cup, but last won in Munich 17 years ago.

After the cup semi-final, Bayern travel to Bundesliga bottom side Eintracht Braunschweig on Saturday in their

final preparation before their trip to Real's Bernabeu on April 23.

"If we play in Madrid like we have done recently, we have no chance.

"We're in a dangerous situation," admitted Guardiola.

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Celebrate EARTH DAY with the 5K Eco Walk 2014 on Easter Sunday, April 20

ORANJESTAD - Earth Day is a globally recognized day to raise awareness around environmental sustainability. The first Earth Day was organized in the US in 1970, then became global in 1990, as the need for environmental awareness around the world continued to grow. Earth Day is now an occasion to energize ourselves to be part of the solution on the path towards environmental sustainability.

"Hyatt Thrive" in cooperation with Fundacion Gabriel Flores will be organizing the Earth Day Walk 2014. This foundation is known for creating various environmental awareness and cultural school projects. Any funds raised with the walk will be used for such projects, which is five florins per participant. "Hyatt Thrive" is Hyatt's global effort to help make the communities in which we operate places that our associates are proud to work,



our guests want to visit, our neighbors want to live and hotel owners want to invest. Hyatt Thrive focuses on four areas that we believe are essential to a thriving community; Environmental Sustainability – Hyatt Earth, Education & Personal Advancement, Economic Development & Investment and Health & Wellness. In regards to Environmental Sustainability we are taking focused, aggressive steps to reduce resource consumption, waste and emissions at our hotels – and protect-

ing the natural environment in our local communities. Environmental sustainability is a journey and not a short-term endeavor. Achieving measurable results requires a conscious effort and a healthy mix of focus, innovation, commitment and optimism, by all parties involved.

The route of the walk will be Hyatt – La Cabana – Hyatt and will be a total of 5 KM.

The event will start at 5pm at the Hyatt parking-lot with a warm up Zumba

session of 30 minutes after which the walk will start at 5.30pm. There will be a scavenger hunt and raffle with fabulous door prizes and prizes for the ones who participate with a creatively pimped Earth Day Theme T-shirt to create even more environmental awareness. There will also be fruits, juice and music.

Participants can sign up at the Hyatt parking-lot on Saturday April 19 from 12pm till sunset and on Sunday April 20 from 12pm till 5pm, with a participation fee of

Awg 5,-. For more information call IBISA at 5824987 or e-mail eco4life-aruba@hotmail.com.

To all people of Aruba; locals, residents and visitors, who will participate in the Earth Day Eco Walk this coming April 20, please come with your family and friends and have some fun during this Earth Day Celebration while creating environmental awareness.

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